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means for releasably fixing the substance dispenser to the supporting

structure so that the central aperture slides over a portion of the support structure, and so that the plurality of fingers extend away from the supporting structure.

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4. (Amended) A substance delivery device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the fingers are coated or impregnated with the substance to be dispensed.

5. (Amended) A substance delivery device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the substance dispenser is made from polydimethylsiloxane.

6. (Amended) A substance delivery device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the substance dispenser is highly flexible.

7. (Amended) A substance delivery device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 in the form of an intravaginal release device.

8. (Amended) A substance delivery device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 for use with cows.

REMARKS

Currently claims 1 to 8 are pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 4-8 under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend from a multiple dependent claim. Claims 4-8 have been amended and Applicant requests that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention lacks patentable utility. The Examiner states "[s]pecifically, the drawings of the substance delivery device cannot be practiced by one with ordinary skill in the art." Although